

Claims

1. A method for controlling the scale of a map detail shown on a display unit (50) of a navigation device (10), characterized in that the scale of the displayed map detail is set as a function of a driving instruction issued based on a calculated driving route (220).

2. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the scale of the map detail displayed is set as a function of the distance of a current vehicle position (210) from a decision point (215) which relates to the driving instruction.

3. The method according to claim 2, characterized in that the scale of the map detail displayed is set in such a way that the route between the current vehicle position (210) and the next decision point (215) are displayed at essentially the smallest possible scale.

4. The method according to claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the scale of the map detail is set in such a way that both the current vehicle position (210) and the next decision point (215) are shown on the display.

5. The method according to claim 4, characterized in that the scale of the map detail is set in such a way that a predetermined surrounding area around the current vehicle position (210) and/or the next decision point (215) can be shown on the display.

6. The method according to one of claims 2 to 5, characterized in that the scale of the map detail displayed is set essentially inversely proportional to the distance between current vehicle position (210) and the next decision point (215).

7. The method according to one of claims 2 to 6, characterized in that the scale of the current map detail is reduced in preset stages as the vehicle position (210) approaches the next decision point (215).

